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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

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-CHEROKEE FOR CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, SY, US, PLO

SUBJECT: UNSC RESOLUTION 242 AND THE PALESTINIANS

REF: DAMASCUS 3652

1. YOU SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO KHADDAM IN  
RESPONSE TO HIS JUNE 11 QUERY TO YOU:

-- AS AMBASSADOR MURPHY STATED TO FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM  
ON AN EARLIER OCCASION, WE DID NOT HAVE THE INTENTION OF  
MODIFYING RESOLUTION 242. WHAT WAS INVOLVED WAS THAT WE  
MIGHT GET ARAFAT'S REACTION TO THE THOUGHT THAT THE PLO  
COULD RESERVE ITS POSITION ON THE PRESENT WORDING OF 242  
REGARDING REFUGEES.

-- WE HOPE THAT ARAFAT WAS NOT GIVEN THE IMPRESSION THAT A  
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FORMAL AMENDMENT OF THE RESOLUTION WAS INVOLVED IN THE  
SUGGESTION. IN OUR VIEW, SUCH AN AMENDMENT WOULD NEITHER  
BE DESIRABLE NOR FEASIBLE. IF THERE IS ANY CHANCE OF MIS-  
UNDERSTANDING, WE THINK IT SHOULD BE CLARIFIED WITH HIM.

-- OUR ORIGINAL UNDERSTANDING (DAMASCUS 3021) WAS THAT THE  
IDEA THAT ORIGINATED IN THE GENEVA MEETING WAS TO BE

DISCUSSED ONLY WITH ARAFAT AND THAT ARAFAT SHOULD BE URGED

NOT TO DISCUSS IT WITH OTHERS. WE WOULD LIKE TO HOLD TO  
THAT UNDERSTANDING.

2. YOU SHOULD NOT PRESS, BUT IF YOU CAN GET ANY INSIGHT  
INTO WHAT LIES BEHIND KHADDAM'S CURIOUS MISCONSTRUCTION  
OF THE PROPOSAL AND HIS DESIRE TO BROADEN DISCUSSION OF  
IT, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED. VANCE

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